

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:605

ANSWERED ON:17.05.2007

BAN ON OPERATION OF SINGLE ENGINE HELICOPTERS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether single engine helicopters are being flown with VIPs despite the ban on their operations;
- (b) if so, whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has taken action against the operators in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of the guidelines/ instructions issued by DGCA in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) and (d):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred () Question No. 605 for 17.05.2007 regarding 'Ban on Operation of Single Engine Helicopters'.

(a), (b) and (c):-At present, there is no mandatory instruction to fly VIPs only on multi-engine helicopters.

(d):-Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued an advisory Air Safety Circular 2 of 1981 for use of privately owned/state Government aircraft for carriage of Chief Ministers and other high dignitaries and had laid down number of guidelines for the aircraft operators to ensure highest standards of safety for operation of such flights. The circular is recommendatory in nature. As per this circular, twin-engine aircraft with good operational capability, reliability and easy maintainability characteristics should be used.